

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 15th July 2012

Terry Stevens G8DKS - SK

It has been announced that the RSGB VHF Manager Terry Stevens G8DKS died suddenly on Sunday, July 8th. Only 2 weeks ago Terry was representing the Society at meetings in Friedrichshafen. We extend our sincerest sympathy to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

This year Dublin Bus celebrates its 25th Birthday.

To celebrate the event a Special Event Station EI25DB will be aired between 1st July 2012 and 30th June 2013. The station will be operated by current and former employees of Dublin Bus led by Declan EI9HQ and Pete EI4GZB. QSLs to Declan EI9HQ or on LOTW or HamLog.eu

Volvo Ocean Race (EI12VOR)

Galway Radio Experimenters Club have just completed a successful week long series of activities in conjunction with the finale of the Round the World Volvo Ocean Race. Portable activities were carried out from the Scout Camp located at South Park, Claddagh, which was part of the overall site. During the week scouts were introduced to the wonders of the hobby. Short talks and demonstrations were given on topics which included, propagation, construction, communications methods, morse code, as well as other aspects of the hobby. Scouts showed a great interest in all aspects of the hobby and were very pleased to have any questions answered in a very down to earth and practical manner. Indeed the speed that some took to learning morse was a joy to behold. Scouts from the Galway region as well as all over the country were in attendance and listed their visit to the "The Shack" as one of the most enjoyable. And so popular was the experience that we had several who made repeat visits. Many thanks to the many visiting amateurs who visited us on site.

Joyce Country Challenge

Saturday the 21st of July sees GREC providing AREN assistance to the Joyce Country Challenge, a mountain walk held in the Finney region of South Mayo/ North

Galway area. The walk is over a mountainous region, and requires the positioning of operators in strategic locations along the route. In the region of two hundred walkers are expected for this event.

Inishbofin

Saturday the 21st of July is rather a busy day in the calendar of GREC as it is also the date on which we embark on our week long, annual expedition to the Island of Inishbofin. Keep an ear out for EJ4GRC over the week. As usual all bands and many modes will be operated.

North Cork Radio Club

After a fun day in the Mountains, North Cork Radio Group is now gearing up for their August events, and this month is going to be a top month for activations by NCRG. No less than 3 field days are planned, making these events no. 7, 8 and 9 for NCRG in 2012.

Wednesday 8-August: a UNIQUE activation; Spike Island on the Air - CASHOTA reference: EI019/C

Saturday 18-August: Blackrock Castle Observatory - CASHOTA reference: EI009/C

Sunday 19-August: Roches Point Lighthouse - ILLW reference: EI0010

Events are always free to attend, and we welcome all visitors at Blackrock Castle and Roches Point Lighthouse. If anyone would like to come along, work our station and join the fun... let us know!! We hope to see you or work you from those exciting locations!

The Spike Island activation, although still free, is confined to NCRG members only - this due to restrictions of the location, but we really hope to work you from "Ireland's Alcatraz"!

Bushvalley Amateur Radio Club

Bushvalley Amateur Radio Club from Dervock, Co. Antrim, will be running a Special Event Station on Saturday 21st July 2012 in conjunction with the Kennedy Kane McArthur Marathon celebrations. The call sign used will be GB0KKM. Dervock-born Ken McArthur was the winner of the Marathon at the 1912 Olympics in

Stockholm; more details on Kennedy Kane McArthur can be found at www.bit.ly/LRrK3T

DX News

Peter ON8ZZ and his two sons ON3NT and ON3JA will be on the Channel Islands from 16 – 26 July. They will operate from Guernsey as MU/OT9Z until 20 July with side-trips to Sark on 17 July, Alderney on 18 July and Herm on 19 July. This will be followed by an operation from Jersey from 20 – 26 July using MJ/OT9Z. Finally they will travel to the French Island of Chausey, IOTA EU-039, where they will sign F/OT9Z. While on Chausey they will team up with the TM7T group to take part in the IOTA Contest on 28/29 July.

Bob W5UQ and Bill W5SJ will be QRV from the Caribbean island of Montserrat as VP2MUQ and VP2MSJ respectively from 17 – 24 July. They will focus on 30, 17 and 12m mainly CW. QSLs for both stations go via W5JAY.

Miquelon Island IOTA NA-032 will be activated by Yuri VE3DZ and Victor VA2WDQ from 20 – 31 July. They will use the calls FP/VE3DZ and FP/VA2WDQ. During the IOTA Contest they will operate as TO2U.

As part of the 50th Anniversary of Independence celebrations in Algeria several special stations are active until the end of this year. Prefix hunters will have the opportunity to work 7U50I, 7V50I, 7W50I and 7Y50I. Details of a special award in connection with this event can be found on QRZ.COM

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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